WATER SUPPLY BRANCH

ITEMS FOR RA'S SENIOR STAFF MEETING

WEEK OF: December 18, 1989 MEETING: December 27, 1989 (2) Kriepatrich (6W)

PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SECTION

* On Monday, January 18, Public Water Supply staff and Regional Council met with the attorney representing Tawakoni Water Utility Corporation (TWUC) at their request. The meeting was held as an informal conference following the issuance of a proposed administrative order for TWUC to present their good faith efforts to comply and to discuss the administrative order. TWUC has filed Chapter 11 bankruptcy and part of the plan submitted under Chapter 11 will include provisions to address the water system deficiencies and the effects on public health. TWUC asked for EPA's help in developing this plan and EPA's support for getting it incorporated.

The TWUC consumers have requested a public hearing and our Public Water Supply staff has decided to grant this request. A letter has been drafted requesting Regional Council appoint a hearing officer, set a date and time, and apprise the PWS staff as soon as possible.

Three representatives from the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribe in Oklahoma met with the Public Water Supply Section on Tuesday, December 19, 1989, to discuss their draft application on "Treatment as a State" under the Safe Drinking Water Act. We agreed to send Len Pardee to Oklahoma in January or February (date to be arranged) to review records, the water system. and assist the tribe in completing their application.

The Water Supply Branch has prepared a $\underline{\text{Federal}}$ $\underline{\text{Register}}$ notice to acknowledge approval of all Region 6 State PWS programs for VOC and Public Notice Regulations. Region 6 is the first in the Nation to complete this process.

. The revised Primacy Regulations under the SDWA were published in the Federal Register on December 20, 1989. These Regulations set-up a specific procedure for future revisions of State Programs under the SDWA.

MUIC PERMITS AND ENFORCEMENT SECTION

Final corrections to the Osage UIC regulation revisions for temporarily abandoned wells were made and sent to Headquarters. We have been given a tentative date of January or February for the draft regulations to be had me of published in the Federal Register.

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 $^{\prime}\star$ The proposed fluid level monitoring alternative MIT has been prepared for the Regional Administrator's signature. Phillips has installed 477 fluid level monitors and have 90 remaining to be installed as soon as the aguifer exemption has been approved.

* Comments were received from eight operators and the Bureau of Indian (Affairs on the proposed maximum pressure values for the Osage Mineral Reserve. A response to these comments is being processed.

Financial responsibility documentation for wells located in New Mexico and Oklahoma "Other Indian Lands" is progressing well. More than 60% of the operators/owners have responded. the documents are now being reviewed for adequacy.

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